



GROUND WATER AWARENESS WEEK FACT SHEET

Ground Water Facts & Figures*

- Ground water provides:
 - About 22 percent of all freshwater withdrawals.
 - About 37 percent of agricultural use (mostly for irrigation).
 - About 37 percent of the public water supply withdrawals.
 - About 51 percent of all drinking water for the total population.
 - About 99 percent of drinking water for the rural population
- Seventy-five percent of American cities depend on ground water for at least some of their drinking water.
- Fifty percent of all Americans rely on ground water for their primary source of drinking water. For rural populations, the figure is 95 percent.
- The average American uses 100 gallons of water per day.
- About 75 percent of the water that comes into our homes goes down the drain again.

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